

August 26, 2009

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMIES AND RELATED PROGRAMS AT ELEVEN HIGH SCHOOLS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board approve the establishment of Career and Technical Education College and Career Academies ("College and Career Academies") and related programs at the eleven high schools listed below.

**DESCRIPTION:**

**History:** The schools listed below have previously operated Education-to-Careers programs in many of the subject areas noted below. These programs have been the subject of re-tooling efforts by the Department of College and Career Preparation to provide improved access and a more rigorous and relevant Career and Technical Education ("CTE") preparation for students. As a result, new College and Career Academies are being established with new application procedures, enrollment requirements and program operations requirements in order to promote citywide access to quality CTE programs.

**Program Establishment:** The eleven schools listed below will establish College and Career Academies in the noted subject areas to provide 3 or 4-year programs with focused coursework in each subject area. Each Academy may offer multiple programs for students to select from. For instance a school's Construction Academy may offer a carpentry program, plumbing program and architectural drafting program. In order to best meet student needs and demands, additional academies and seats may be added at the schools listed below when authorized by the Chief Education Officer.

School	Commencement	Academy	# Seats for 9th Grade class in 2010-2011
Schurz	2009-2010	Automotive Technology	56
		Business	56
Sullivan	2009-2010	Allied Health	28
		Medical & Health Careers	56
Harper	2009-2010	Construction & Architecture	84
		Culinary & Hospitality	84
Fenger	2009-2010	Construction & Architecture	84
		Culinary & Hospitality	84
Washington	2009-2010	Culinary	56
		Information Technology	84
Harlan	2010-2011	Information Technology	84
Manley	2010-2011	Culinary & Hospitality	84
		Medical Assistant	56
Crane	2010-2011	Allied Health	28
		Medical & Health Careers	28
		Automotive Technology	56
		Information Technology	56
Wells	2010-2011	Law & Public Safety	56
		Logistics	56
		Teaching	56

School	Commencement	Academy	# Seats for 9th Grade class in 2010-2011
Dunbar	2010-2011	Allied Health	28
		Medical & Health Careers	56
		Construction & Architecture	140
		Culinary & Hospitality	84
		Cosmetology	56
		Automotive Technology	56
Orr	2010-2011	Childcare & Early Childhood Education	56
		Information Technology	56

**Academy Guidelines:** The Department of College and Career Preparation is authorized to establish Academy Guidelines to ensure the effective operation, staffing and management of College and Career Academies. Such guidelines shall include, at a minimum, requirements for equipment purchase and maintenance, school financial responsibilities, staffing, curriculum, and professional development.

**Academy Enrollment:** High Schools with College and Career Academies will enroll students into each Academy based on a citywide application process managed by the Department of College and Career Preparation. Where there are more applicants than available seats, the District shall give preference to students that have a minimum stanine of 5 in math and reading on their seventh grade standardized tests, and to students with disabilities who have minimum stanines in math and reading that add up to 10 in any combination. Preference will also be given to students who reside within the school's attendance or proximity boundaries, to achieve at least a 30 percent neighborhood component of the program's enrollment. Where there are more applicants than available seats, a computerized lottery process will be used when applying a preference category. The Department of College and Career Preparation may reserve additional seats for students who reside within the school's attendance boundaries based on an annual determination of anticipated building overcapacity. To ensure a natural proportion of students with disabilities in these programs, additional slots may be identified to serve these students.

The citywide application and enrollment process for Medical & Health Careers Academies and Law & Public Safety Academies will utilize additional application requirements and selection criteria. Applicants must also (1) complete 7<sup>th</sup> grade with a minimum 2.5 GPA in core subjects, (2) test at or above grade level on 7<sup>th</sup> grade standardized tests, (3) have 9 or fewer absences in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, (4) submit a letter of recommendation from a principal, teacher, or counselor, (5) complete a statement of interest, and (6) complete a parent(s) and student interview. The Department of College and Career Preparation will conduct an official review and evaluation of applications based on standard rubrics established for Medical & Health Careers Academies and Law & Public Safety Academies.

**Program Applications:** In the fall of 2009, the District shall make available a College and Career Academy application for students seeking enrollment as 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the fall of 2010. Freshman students enrolled at the schools noted above during the 2009-2010 school year will be given the opportunity to enroll in an Academy and begin program coursework in the 2010-2011 school year. Post-deadline transfer requests must be approved by the Department of College and Career Preparation.

**School Responsibilities:** High Schools with College and Career Academies are required to comply with all school obligations set out in the CTE Academy guidelines issued by the Department of College and Career Preparation.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** Board rules, policies, practices and collective bargaining agreements will govern any impact on positions and staff at the schools.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed as part of the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget.

**Approved for Consideration:**



Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Chief Education Officer

**Noted:**



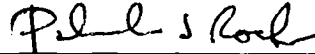
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Chief Executive Officer

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Patrick Rocks  
General Counsel

